

Howard County Urban Stormwater 2016 - 2017 Programmatic Two-Year Milestones
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
NEW PROGRAMMATIC MILESTONE SUBMITTAL – January 29, 2016

Target Date	Milestone	Deliverable	Lead Agency	Comments/Status Updates
Funding				
2016-2017	Seek more funding to support capital budget	Annually increase capital budget requests in order to implement projects to meet the impervious restoration requirement	SWMD, OCS	Increased budget requests will be dependent on Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund (WPRF) and other funding source allocations
2016-2017	Develop new funding sources	Apply for available grants	SWMD	Currently applying for the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund FY17 Grant for Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction
2016-2017	Continue targeted programs for allocating portions of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund (WPRF)	Continue programs to fund partnerships between the County and residential, non-profit, and commercial properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CleanScapes Residential Credit and Reimbursement Program</i> • <i>CleanScape Communities Pilot Program</i> • <i>Nonprofit Partnership Program</i> • <i>Non-Residential/ Commercial Reimbursement Program</i> Investigate implementation of a Septic Pump-Out Rebate Program	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone

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2016-2017	Seek increased funding to expand the County-sponsored Watershed Enhancement Grant (WEG) program	Maintain existing program and request increases in the WEG budget	SWMD	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone
2016-2017	Seek additional funding for providing economic incentives to septic system owners to encourage retrofit of Best Available Technology (BAT) systems	Apply for available grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) • HB 12 BRF Septic Bill and Board of Public Works funding 	Health Department	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone. Howard County entered into a 3-year agreement with MDE as part of HB 12 awards, where Howard County will be receiving \$30,000 for FY16, FY17 and FY18. This funding is planned to be disbursed in January of each year and is intended to cover administration and oversight of the BRF/BAT program.

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Tracking & Reporting				
2016-2017	Continue Developing NPDES MS4 Compliance and TMDL Tracking Geodatabase	Geodatabase for internal use and for MS4 Annual Reporting	SWMD	Ongoing

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Program Development or Enhancement				
2016-2017	Update Studies	Update the Countywide Implementation Strategy (CIS) as needed	SWMD	CIS was submitted to MDE on December 18, 2015

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Coordination				
2016-2017	Build/Enhance Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with State Highway Administration, Columbia Association, Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), and Howard Community College on BMP implementation opportunities • Continue volunteer activities with active watershed groups and through the Watershed Stewards Academy • Continue partnerships with non-profits entities through the Watershed Protection Partnership and the READY Program 	SWMD and OCS	Ongoing
2016-2017	Enhance Inter-Departmental Coordination	Continue Stormwater Cabinet Subcommittees made up of members from various County departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Policy • MS4-Data Management • Projects • Outreach 	OCS	Ongoing

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Local Watershed/Project Planning				
2016	Identify sites for implementation opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Watershed Assessments and Restoration Plans • Incorporate results into the NPDES MS4 Geodatabase, including cost and alternatives analyses and project prioritization 	SWMD	Watershed Assessments and Restoration Plans for the South Branch Patapsco, Patapsco River Lower North Branch, Brighton Dam, Rocky Gorge Dam, and Patuxent River Upper Watersheds will be initiated in 2016. With these studies, all watershed assessments for the entire County will be complete.
2016-2017	Assess local stream health	Continue Countywide Biological Monitoring	SWMD	Ongoing

SWMD = Stormwater Management Division

OCS = Office of Community Sustainability

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Outreach/Education				
2016-2017	Increase Public Awareness	Install educational signs at water quality improvement project sites	OCS and SWMD	Ongoing
2016-2017	Continue the Watershed Stewards Academy	Continue training Watershed Stewards	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone
2016-2017	Continue implementing an enhanced public education and outreach program through social marketing and in-person meetings for stormwater management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to cleanwaterhoward.com website • Outreach presentations 	OCS	Continuation and expansion of a 2013 Milestone

Submittal and Reporting Process:

- **New Programmatic Milestone Submittal:** The State is requesting submittal of Programmatic Milestone commitments by January 29, 2016.
- **Interim Programmatic Milestone Progress Reporting:** The State is requesting an interim status report on the Programmatic Milestones by January 31, 2017.
- **Final Programmatic Milestone Progress Reporting:** The State is requesting a final progress report on the Programmatic Milestones by January 31, 2018.